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8. (Internal Use Only - JSW) The Director and John S. Warner met with Mr. William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff. to discuss the retirement bill. Mr. Darden suggested, and the Director agreed, that Mr. Braswell should be brought in. The Director stressed the importance to the Agency of this bill. He indicated he appreciated possible concern as to who would be covered under the bill since unlike the Foreign Service the people to be covered would not be confirmed in their appointments by the Senate. Braswell and Darden mentioned the time factors and indicated next week they could really go into this in depth. They discussed a number of specific points including: (a) no specific provision requiring stipulated length of overseas service; (b) would other agencies such as NSA have a legitimate basis for requesting similar treatment; (e) certain fringe aspects such as continuation of widow's annuity after remarriage; and (d) possibility of simple amendments to the Civil Service Retirement Act. The Director stated that, of course, there was no objection to tightening up the bill and he hoped that the staff, with the appropriate Agency people, could get together and work out the necessary amendments to present to the Chairman a bill which could be recommended by the staff and which would meet the Agency requirements. All agreed that this was the type of bill which really could not be redrafted in a Committee session.

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